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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO ELECTIONS

REF: (A) STATE 175537; (B) STATE 176230; (C) KINSTON 4796

1. TEXT OF REFTELS WAS GIVEN TO ELECTORAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC) ON JULY 9. MILLS EXPRESSED A GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN (#HORRIFIED") AT THEPOSSIBLE FOUR MONTHS NEEDED BY ONE FIRM TO COMPLETE THE PRINTING JOB. THE EAC WILL BE MEETING ALL DAY JULY 10 AND MILLS STATED THAT THE SIZE OF THE PAPER NEEDED FOR THE VOTERS LIST WILL BE THE FIRST SUBJECT HE RAISES. MILLS FEELS THAT A DELAY OF FOUR MONTHS WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTEEEST OF THE STABILITY OF JAMAICA NOR WOULD IT HELP TO KEEP THE EAC OUT OF PARTISAN POLITICS.

2. MILLS REPORTS THAT THEKEYPUNCH MACHINES HAVE ARRIVED (REFTEL C), ARE INSTALLED AND ARE BEING USED TO PROCESS THE ELECTORAL ROLLS.

3. THE LATEST TARGET DATE FOR ENDING THE ENUMERATION IS NOW JULY 20. THE PROCESS IS SLOWING DOWN. WE NOW DO NOT BELIEVE AN ELECTION IS POSSIBLE BEFORE MID OCTOBER.
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